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Applicant: Walter Viegner Confirmation No. 4534
Serial No.: 09/200,179 Art Unit: 3679
Filed: November 25, 1998 Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody
For: NON-DETACHABLE PRESS FIT ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN A
FITTING AND AN END PORTION OF A METAL PIPE

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed November 17, 2003 rejecting Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11 and 18-25.

Enclosed is a check for the appropriate filing fee in the amount of \$330.00.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (834/39803).

Respectfully submitted,

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